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PUBLICATION	PAGE	HEADLINE & BRIEF
Business Daily	Pg 1&4	<p>Power bills shock as fuel cost charges to new high</p>
		<p>According to the publication, electricity consumers will next month pay a record Sh8 for a unit of power to finance the running of diesel-powered plants across the country despite the ongoing rains in catchment areas that, if sustained, should reduce dependence on expensive generators in favour of cheaper hydro electricity power option.</p>
	6	<p>Power rationing dims prospects for industries</p>
		<p>The publication states that key industries in Nakuru are bracing for a hit from the power rationing that started last night, saying they will be forced to increase the price of goods and to shed jobs. Rationing will force them to use diesel-run generators which are expensive and will necessitate an increase in the prices of their products.</p>
	15	<p>Kenya holds key to green energy wealth</p>
		<p>According to the publication, carbon trading is no longer a distant concept to African entrepreneurs and the prospect of earning billions of shillings from heavy polluters of the West is fast becoming a reality even to rural based organisations that use clean production techniques. Kenya, being the headquarters of the global environmental body, United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) naturally holds the key to this vast wealth that once unlocked will radically change the rules of investments in the continent.</p>

	16&17	How KenGen pioneered carbon trade in Kenya
		The publication states that KenGen is the pioneer company in the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project development in the country. It began exploring the benefits of CDM from as early as 2000 when KenGen requested the United Nations Framework Convention (UNFCCC) on Climate Change through the Ministry of Environment for support to develop some of its projects through the initiative. In order to gain further insight on CDM, KenGen MD and CEO attended the 2006 carbon expo which was held in Cologne, Germany. KenGen is the first company in Kenya to receive carbon revenue from the registered Olkaria II Geothermal Expansion Project.
Nation	6	Ministry shifts power cuts blame to Treasury
		According to the publication, industrialists reacted sharply to power rationing that starts today as the Energy Ministry shifted the blame to Treasury. Energy PS, Patrick Nyoike said the ministry had asked the Treasury to provide guarantees to private investors to inject 252MW into the national grid but was told there was no money. He said if funds had been provided last year, these projects would be up and running.
	CE I	KNOW YOUR COUNTY - KISUMU Sondu Miriu power plant boost for jobs and schools

		<p>The publication indicates that the Sh14.3 billion Sondu Miriu power project has brought development to the area. Sang'oro, the second phase expected to be completed later this year will cost a further Sh3.5 billion. Almost 10 years down the line, the residents have started reaping the benefits of the project with electricity and piped water in their homes, jobs at the plant and new schools and dispensaries in their remote villages. KenGen has so far dug more than five boreholes in the remote villages in Nyakach and Kasipul Kabondo.</p>
The Star	44	KenGen to cut down on geothermal power
		<p>According to the publication, KenGen targets to source almost half of its power from geothermal sources by 2018. The MD & CEO said this would cushion the country from power shortages by reducing reliance on hydro which is affected by weather patterns and power rationing, like the one started yesterday would be eliminated once all the ongoing and planned projects are completed. Speaking during a visit to the Kindaruma Power Station which is being upgraded with installation of a third turbine generator unit to boost its output from 40MW to 72MW, the MD & CEO said this was part of KenGen's efforts to help stabilise the power situation in the country. The project is being constructed by Andritz Hydro Company of Austria at a cost of Sh3.93 billion.</p>